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The Elba Clipper

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Recent showers and thunderstorms remind local citizens of past floods



The Pea River was well within sight of motorists traveling across the Pea River bridge Monday, March 17 on U.S. Highway 84 in Elba. Earlier in the day, the river stage was recorded at more than 15 feet with rains expected throughout the day, and although Tuesday brought a bit of sunshine to the area, the rain was expected to return again Wednesday with a pretty good chance it would stick around for Thursday and Friday as well. It is important to note, however, that the river is still well below flood stage despite being at a higher level than normal.

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Rain, rain and more rain that has been the way things have gone in Elba and Coffee County lately as each and every day the area seems to experience some sort of downpour whether light or heavy.

This pattern of daily rain not only has managed to soak the ground around the area, but it has served as a reminder of years past. Local citizens remember quite well the dates of March 8 and March 17 as each marks the anniversary of a flood.

Saturday, March 8, was the fifth anniversary of the 1998 flood of Elba while Monday, March 17, was the 13th anniversary of the 1990 flood.

So, what happened this year on these days?

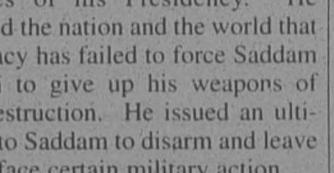
It rained! And, the river rose just a little bit more.

It has become the norm in these parts to keep a close eye on the ole' Pea River when the area plays victim to above average amounts of rainfall, and the past few weeks have been no exception to the rule.

Congressman Everett reacts to President Bush's address on Iraq

Following President Bush's address to the nation Monday evening, March 17, Congressman Terry Everett issued the following statement in response:

"Tonight, President Bush made one of the most important speeches of his Presidency. He informed the nation and the world that diplomacy has failed to force Saddam Hussein to give up his weapons of mass destruction. He issued an ultimatum to Saddam to disarm and leave Iraq or face certain military action."



"I am fully supportive of the President's decision and agree that diplomacy has reached an end. It is regrettable that the French have used their veto threat to prevent a majority vote in the U.N. Security Council. I do not believe that Saddam will voluntarily surrender his control of Iraq. It will be only a matter of days before military action is taken."

"It is very likely that Saddam will try to launch preemptive attacks against his neighbors and I understand that he has already armed his troops with chemical shells. Saddam has been given a final warning. There will be no more Iraqi deceit and delay. The next step - war or peaceful resolution - is entirely up to Saddam Hussein."

In his address, Bush said, "The Security Council has not lived up to its responsibilities so we will rise to ours."

He gave Saddam Hussein and his two sons 48 hours to leave Iraq, and said if they chose to stay and remain in power, war would commence, "at a time of our choosing."



THE ELBA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE held its third ribbon cutting in as many weeks last Friday, March 14, when the State Farm Insurance Company held an open house for Elba's newest agent, Stan Houston. After completing an internship to become an agent, Houston officially took over the Elba office, formerly headed by Mike McGuire in January. Since that time, he has relocated the business to the former Whitman Drug office on the 203 Bypass. The office offers a full line of insurance needs, and Houston and his staff are eager to serve the community. To highlight the open house event, the Elba Chamber of Commerce welcomed Houston to business Friday afternoon with the ribbon cutting ceremony. Those present for the cutting were (from left): Sam Cooper, Kaye Whitworth - executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, Wayne Lawford, Junior Miss Elba Lindsay Lawford, Cammie Kelley, Elmer Taylor, Anna Harrison, Future Little Miss Elba Sarah Bryan, Rev. John Baxter, Doris Mathews, Stanley Houston Sr., Elba Mayor James Grimes, Stan Houston - agent, Will Hardman - State Farm District office, Linda Houston, Kenneth Calhoun, Sandra Franklin - office manager, Little Miss Elba Brinley Williams, Herby McCall and Miss Elba Shay Johnson.

Area Happenings

ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will hold kindergarten registration Friday, March 21, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Another registration will be held Wednesday, April 23, and Thursday, April 24, also from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Please bring birth certificate, social security card and a blue shot record for each child.

THE ELBA PUBLIC LIBRARY will hold a book sale April 7-12 during regular operating hours. Any donations for the sale will be accepted.

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will meet Monday, March 24, 9 a.m., in the community room at the county complex in New Brockton.

HEALTH MATTERS Elizabeth Roney, an occupational therapist, will speak Wednesday, March 26, 12 noon, at the Elba Senior Citizens Building. The topic of discussion will be lymphedema and will discuss people who are at risk, recognizing symptoms and treatment options. A complimentary lunch will be served. Reservations are required by calling 334-713-3346.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin Cox

One day last week we were struck with the thought of what a small part of God's physical world one human actually occupies. An elderly aunt died a couple of weeks ago and it was during the time we were clearing out her belongings that the thought struck. This aunt was a widow, no children and had been in nursing home for several years. She had sold her house a few years earlier and we had disposed of some household furniture from the storage bin from time to time since then. After doing her regular clothing, furniture, dishes, etc., to a couple of charities, the house was rather small, a birth certificate, marriage certificate, a few family pictures, her wedding rings and diamond ear rings, a high school diploma and graduation certificate from a 1970s business school and not much more. Our children knew her, as did most of the nieces and nephews, but to the generations which follow, she, as most of us, will probably be just a footnote on the family tree. The message in all this is probably that we will be remembered by our deeds and not by the few material possessions we have accumulated in our short life here on earth.

It appears that the U.S. will be at war sooner, rather than later. In fact many locals are already predicting the exact time when American troops will launch attacks against Saddam and his forces. However, one such advisor has already been proven wrong. We were told on Monday that America would be at war before the sun came up Tuesday. In fact President Bush was probably going to use his Monday night address to America for the purpose of announcing the battle had begun. We are flag wavers and support our troops to the Nth degree. However, to our knowledge there is not one thing over there worth the life of a single American young man or woman unless it is to preserve democracy and expand freedom to more people.

We often disagree with the public statements from State Superintendent of Education Ed Richardson but not this week. He is urging a delay of any voting on additional local school taxes until the state legislature "does its work." We agree 100%. Several recent school tax votes have been badly beaten in diverse parts of Alabama. It could be said they were embarrassingly beaten and there is no benefit in spending tax dollars to increase that negative count.

Representatives pass key bills

Early into the second week of the Regular Session, the House of Representatives passed key bills pertaining to the Constitution, elections, domestic violence and the Ten Commandments.

House Bill 60, sponsored by Majority Leader Ken Guin, D-Carbon Hill, will direct the Code Commissioner to review and publish a recompilation of the 1901 Constitution.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS



Gospel Singing to be held at Vanderbilt Holiness Church

Vanderbilt Holiness Church will have a Gospel Singing on Saturday, March 22, 2003, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The featured group will be "Williams & Friends" from Crestview, Florida. Everyone is invited to attend. Vanderbilt Holiness Church is located on Coffee County Road 114, 1 mile past Wayne Farms, Southland. For more information call (334) 897-3778.

Annual Deacons Trustees & Wives Day program to be held at Poplar Springs

Poplar Springs Missionary Baptist Church of New Brockton, Ala. is holding its Annual Deacons, Trustees and Wives Day program on March 23, 2003 at 2:30 p.m.

Glenwood Assembly of God to host Gospel Sing

Glenwood Assembly of God Church will host a gospel singing Saturday, March 22, at 7 p.m. The featured guest will be The Gospel Valley Boys of Birmingham. Everyone is invited to attend.

Hebron Baptist Church to host Canaan Land Quartet at Gospel Singing

Hebron Baptist Church will hold a gospel singing on Sunday, April 12, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. The featured group will be the Canaan Valley Boys of Clanton, Ala. The church is located near the Pike and Coffee County line on Highway 87.

Pleasant Ridge Church to hold old fashioned gospel singing

p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. P.C. Nobles.

***Thinking of you, praying for you: Alan J. Belcher, Johnny Manning, Bettye Lee, Michael Homer C. Coleman, Anna M. Daniels, John E. Foster, Michael Belcher, Ernestine Ellison, Rev. John H. Johnson, Ella M. Brooks, Leo Henderson, Ruth Belcher, Verrie Barnes and Mary Alice Blue.

***Bethel Baptist Church will hold Family and Friends Day on March 23, 2003 at 3:00 p.m.

NAACP Coffee County Branch #5017 to meet March 29 at St. Johns Chapel A.M.E.

NAACP Coffee County Branch #5017 will meet on March 29, 2003 at Johns Chapel A.M.E., Enterprise, Ala. The executive members will meet at

ElBethel Baptist Church sponsoring Magnificent Mondays this month

ElBethel Baptist Church, Highway 27, Chancellor, Alabama is having Magnificent Mondays in March revival services each Monday night throughout the month of March. Dan Raley from First Baptist Church of Slocumb will be the

guest speaker on March 10 with special music by Bobby Chamblee of Coffee Springs. Services begin at 6:45 with pre-session music. For more information contact the church office at 884-9544.

ATTEND A CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY!

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Sam Toten, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Tues. Evening 6:30 p.m. Even. Worship 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Andrew Phillips, Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Tues. Evening 6:30 p.m. Even. Worship 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BETHEL AMERICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Elder Phillips-Cope, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m. Tues. Evening 6:30 p.m. Even. Worship 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Darryl Caldwell, Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship 5:30 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

CHESTER GROVE METHODIST

Rev. Martha Martin

Church Services 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

E. H. Hill, Minister

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.

Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

CHESTER UNITED METHODIST

Rev. John I. Baxter, Pastor

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.

Even. Services 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study 6:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.

Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training 6:00 p.m.

Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Pattee

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.

Even. Worship 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH

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SCHOOL NEWS

FROM THE COCKPIT

New Brockton School News
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NBHS selects 2003-04 cheerleading squads

by Lori Wade

Chasity Wood, AnnaBeth Meissner, and Brittany Sawyer, Chelsea Smith, Malory Thomaston.

Cheerleading tryouts for the New Brockton High School cheerleaders were on Feb. 28, 2003. The new squads were chosen based on teacher evaluation, group cheer, group chant, group dance, and individual cheer and jumps. The new Varsity squad is: Captain - Amber Ogburn, Co-Captain - Ashley Stuckey and Lori Wade, Jamie Manley, Brittney Griswold, Dawn Jenkins, Sheri Eaton, Whitney Donaldson, Hilary Mock, Kayleigh Watson, Andrea Proffitt, and Brandi Howard. The new Big Red mascot is Andrew Fales.

The J.V. squad is: Captain - Tori Stone, Co-Captain - Bethany Milligan, Callie Hollis, Shay Carpenter, Emilee Dunn,



J.V. CHEERLEADERS (left to right): Callie Hollis, Emilee Dunn, Brittany Thomaston, Shay Carpenter, Malory Meissner, Chasity Wood, Tori Stone. Not pictured: Co-Captain Bethany Milligan, AnnaBeth Sawyer and Chelsea Smith.



VARSITY CHEERLEADERS (Front Row L-R): Britney Griswold, Ashley Stuckey, Amber Ogburn, Lori Wade, Jamie Manley; (Back Row L-R): Andrea Proffitt, Brandi Howard, Whitney Donaldson, Hilary Mock, Andrew Fales, Kayleigh Watson, Dawn Jenkins, Sheri Eaton.

New Brockton Elementary teacher ready for deployment

by Brandon Lee & Hayden Smith

Miss Lawrence, a sixth grade teacher at NBES, is in the National Guard. Her unit is the 1203rd Engineering Battalion, and it specializes in support.

She has already been through her deployment check at the

787th Engineering Battalion in Hamilton, Ala. A deployment check involves repeating a will, receiving family support information, taking several injections in case soldiers are exposed to any unknown diseases, undergoing a physical examination and making sure all her paperwork is updated

and correct.

Miss Lawrence has been in the National Guard for 10 years. Her unit has about 55 soldiers in it. What she enjoys most about the National Guard is that it has good benefits such as life insurance and funds available for education.

These girls had a lot to remember such as a cheer, a chant and a dance. Betty Brust and Connie Brown helped the girls learn their routines. Both girls helped an awful lot.

The J.V. cheerleaders are looking forward to leading the Gamecocks to many victories next year.

CONGRATS!

NOTICE:
NBHS report cards go home April 3. State Board of Education report cards will also go home on April 3. Students will return to school from Spring Holidays on March 31.

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New Brockton students attend Model UN

by David Davidson

On Feb. 27-28, the gifted students statewide attended the United Nations model UN at Troy State University.

Each group of students represented a country. New Brockton Elementary students represented Nigeria. The delegates of this group are: David Davidson, AnnaBeth Sawyer, Vanessa Stuckey, Chelsea Smith and Chelsea Dempsey. The sponsor of the group is Vicki Jones.

When a country presented a resolution all 39 countries voted on it, yes, no or abstain. On the second day of the program, the students attended a banquet.



These students attended the Model UN at TSU

Rewards were given to special countries and delegates. Everyone who went this year

wants to go again next year.

Want to do it

Editorial by Brett Parrish

Everyone has been asking about the risk of going to war with Iraq. What about the risk of NOT going to war?

Iraq and its leaders are dangerous. Saddam Hussein has biological and chemical weapons. In the early 90's, it was discovered that Saddam had several biological agents including anthrax. Hussein has proven he will use his weapons. Iraq attacked Kuwait and used VX nerve gas. Even in his own government, Saddam will kill anyone who opposes Saddam is putting themselves and their families at risk of death.

The past proves Saddam has and will use his weapons. He has been reluctant to disarm which keeps him a risk to the world. If we don't disarm him now, will it take an attack to disarm him? Not disarming Saddam now is the risk.

All U.S. citizens should stand behind President Bush in proudly defending our country and the world, whether other members of the United Nations do or not.

NBES students chosen for jv cheerleading squad

by Kayla Farnon & Anna Beth Sawyer

Junior Varsity tryouts were held Friday, Feb. 28, at 3 p.m. with 16 very nervous girls participating.

Students selected were: Tori Stone (Captain), Bethany Milligan (Co-Captain), Callie Hollis, Emilee Dunn, Anna Sawyer, Chelsea Smith, Brittney Thomaston, Chasity Wood, Mallory Meissner and Shay Carpenter.

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PIC OF THE WEEK (by Jessica L. Hatchcock): I LOVE your dress! Really?? I love yours too!!

SCHOOLS

Student prepares for Skills USA-VICA Championship

by Alex Benbow

Brandon Behrens competed February 20 at Reid State Technical College by taking a written exam. He is one of 20 finalists in the State Auto Tech Program.

This April 25-26 Mr. Larry Goodson (our Automotive Technology teacher at Elba) will take Brandon to Montgomery to compete among the other 19 finalists in the state.

We at Elba High School are proud of Brandon and cannot wait until he goes and hopefully wins the Skills USA-VICA State Championship.

Brandon Behrens

Students participate in math tourney

by Ayonna Proctor

Many Elba High School students recently participated in a tri-state math tournament on Feb. 28. The testing took place at Wallace Community College in Dothan.

There were 29 students ranging in grades 9-12. Elba competed in four different sections of the tournament which were: Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry.

The test was held for an hour and a half, and after the testing the tournament was over. The students were exhausted but overall, everyone had a good time. Especially when they were rewarded with a lunch and an afternoon at the mall.

The day was set aside to show much appreciation to all of the students who had the highest math grade in their class for two school terms. The students enjoyed themselves at the tournament and also enjoyed the free day out of school.

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by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

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Trash clean up of the Mulberry Heights area was mentioned, but most of the discussion was spent on other issues. Mrs. Turner also complained about the men and teenagers

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